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Land Grant Application- White, Joshua (Fairfield)

Joshua White

Margaret White

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I Margaret White on oath depose & say - that I was the lawful wife of & am now the Widow of Joshua White whose residence was in Fairfield in the County of Somerset & State of Maine at the time of his decease which was April 21- 1828- That the said Joshua White resided in Lecomister in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1775- during the summer of that year he enlisted as a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army & served in said army (by re-enlisting) more than Six years - at the expiration the terms for which he enlisted he was honorably discharged - the number of the regiment or regiments with the names of the commanding officers are not at this time known to the Deponent - that neither my late husband nor myself nor any person claiming under him or me have ever received any land or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that I am justly entitled to a grant of Land from the State of Maine under the provisions of a Resolve entitled "A Resolve in favor of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War & the Widows of deceased Officers & Soldiers" passed March 17- A. D. 1835

Margaret White

June 30th - 1835

Margaret White & made oath that the above declaration by her signed is true according to the best of her knowledge & belief

Before Me

Lyman Clark Justice of the Peace

Probate Office Norridgewock May 13 - 1835

I hereby certify that I have received satisfactory evidence that Margaret White was the lawful wife of & is now the Widow of Joshua White late of Fairfield in the County of Somerset deceased

D. Farnsworth Judge of Probate for the
County of Somerset

Papers in care of 360
Margaret White,
widow of ~~Joshua~~ White
Joshua White,

Further Dec^d

Recd. July 29/1835,
Admitted certificate
No. 207. sp. 600. 29. 1835,

Recd. above certificate,

C. S. Phelps Esq
Haverhill

I John Bates of Fairfield in the County of Somerset & State of Maine of lawful age - on oath depose & say - that I was for many years personally acquainted with Joshua White late of said Fairfield deceased & with Margaret White the lawful wife of & now the widow of the said Joshua White That I have reason to believe & do fully believe that the said Joshua White resided in Locominster in the State of Massachusetts at the time of his enlistment - that he enlisted & served more than three years in the Revolutionary Army - that I do know that for several years the said Joshua White was a Revolutionary Pensioner - that at the time of his decease April 21 - 1828 - the said Joshua White was an inhabitant of Fairfield aforesaid - that I have reason to believe & do fully believe that neither the said Joshua White or Margaret White or any person claiming under them or either of them have ever received either land or money in lieu thereof from the State of Massachusetts - & that Margaret White widow of the said Joshua White is justly entitled to the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine passed March 17 - 1835 entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War & the widows of the deceased Officers & Soldiers"

John Bates

State of Maine

Somerset Subscribed & sworn to this ~~twentieth~~ ^{thirteenth} day of July - 1835

Before me

Ebenezer S. Phelps Justice of the Peace

I *Margaret White* of *Fairfield* in the County of *Somerset* and State of Maine, aged *seventy five* years, do, upon oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of *Joshua White* late of *Fairfield* in the County of *Somerset* and State of Maine, who died at *Fairfield* on the *21st* day of *April* A. D. *1828*,

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Joshua White* did enlist into *Colonel Putnam's*, which was *the 5th Massachusetts Regiment*, in the year *1777*, for *three years*; which period he fully served out, & was then honorably discharged in *1780*, and had during the Revolutionary War other service, as stated in my Declaration now on file in the Land Office of Maine.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Joshua White* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *Leominster, Massachusetts*,

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Fairfield* aforesaid, where he had resided for *seventeen* years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Margaret White

STATE OF MAINE.

Somerset

ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *twenty second* day of *August* 1835
BEFORE ME,

Ebenizer S. Phelps

Justice of the Peace.

Margaret White 207

Drawn Jan'y 11 1836

Lot No 25, in Lot D

Decided to the original grantee
Jan'y 12 1836

Del'd to Dr Phelps
for John Bates

STATE OF MAINE.

N^o. 207.

LAND OFFICE,
Augusta, Oct. 29th 1835

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Margaret White widow of Joshua
White of Fairfield in the County of Somerset,
by declaration sworn to on the 22^d day of August last,
(See Claim N^o. 360.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her claim
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers
of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and
soldiers," approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "the lawful
holder" of this certificate is entitled, under said Resolve, to TWO

HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

Wm. H. Holman

Land Agent of Maine.

Examined & countersigned,
Wm. Mearns

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Joshua White - Private.

1 Enlistment

360

Col Whitecombs Regt Mass. Line

From April 1775. 8 mos

2 Enlistment

Col. Boddies Regt N. H. Line

From March 1776 - 3 mos

3^d Enlistment

Col Smiths Regt Mass. Horse

From July 1776. 5 mos

4 Enlistment

Col Putnam's Regt Mass. Line

From 1. July 1777 to 1 July 1780

5 Enlistment

Col Putnam's Regt Mass. Line

From 1. Augt 1780 - for 6 mos

12/3 weeks

as he was not at home

W. B. White

1
I Joshua White of Faneuil in the County of Somerset & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being a native Citizen of the United States, do on oath testify and declare, that I served as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution, for about the term of five years, that from my reduced Circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my Country for support - That some time in the month of April A.D. 1775 I enlisted into Captain David Wilder's company in Col. White's Regt. in the Massachusetts line for the term of Eight months, from which term of enlistment I was honorably discharged on the 1st day of January following. Some time in the month of March, A.D. 1776 I enlisted into Capt. Charles's company in Col. Budd's Regiment in the New Hampshire line and marched into Canada and was taken prisoner at Fort de Cedars by the enemy in the month of May following. On being exchanged I returned home without any discharge. Some time in July, A.D. 1776, I enlisted into Capt. Keefe's company, in Col. Smith's Regiment in the Massachusetts line for five months, and was honorably discharged on the first day of December following. In February A.D. 1777 I enlisted for Three years and served in Capt. Whipple's company in Col. Putnam's Regiment in the Massachusetts line, at the expiration of which term I was honorably discharged some time in February A.D. 1780. In July, 1780 I enlisted into Capt. Whipple's company in Col. Putnam's Regiment in the Massachusetts line for six months, but by reason of a wound received at Harlem Heights in the year 1776, I was discharged from said enlistment in November following. All my discharges as aforesaid were left with my mother in the town of Scituate, State of Massachusetts in the year 1783, since which time I have not seen them and I am unable to say where they can be found. Joshua White.

I Abner Parker of Bloomfield in the County of Somerset & Commonwealth of Massachusetts of lawful age, do testify and say, that I well know the within named Joshua White, I first knew him when he was in Capt. Keefe's company, in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six - we were both private in the same company. I afterwards saw him at Harlem Heights if I rightly remember & understood he was in the Continental service, but I am unable to give any particulars as to his continuance in the said service, & further the deponent

south not.

(signed)

^{his}
Elihu X Parker
_(mark)

Attest. (signed) J. J. Wilde.

Kennebec Co. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On this 9th day of April A.D. 1818, the above named Elihu Parker after having been carefully examined made oath to the truth of the above depositions by him submitted. Before me. (signed) J. J. Wilde

Jus. Sup. Jus. Cant. for S^d Comth

I Ezekiel Brown of Clinton in the County of Kennebec, Esg. of lawful age do testify and say, that I well knew the within named John White, and I remember he was in the service of the United States in the war of the revolution, I saw him at West Point about the first of January A.D. 1781. he was then at work as a blacksmith for the Army. Ezekiel Brown.

I Enoch Fuller of lawful age, do testify and say, that some time in the year 1778, I enlisted into Capt. Whipples Company in Col Putnam's Regt in the Mass. line in the revolutionary war; that the above named John White was at that time in said Whipples Company, and that at the expiration of nine months, my term of service, I left said White then in the service, and always understood that said White was a Three years man, and was well knowing to his being in the Continental service as much as nine months, & have no doubt but that the declaration subscribed by him is true. (signed) Enoch Fuller.

Kennebec, Co. On the first day of May A.D. 1818, the above named Enoch Fuller made oath to the truth of the above depositions by him submitted before me. (signed) Moses Appleton Jus. Peace.

To the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War of the United States. I the subscriber one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify to your Honor that John White a citizen of the United States, now resident in the District of Maine and Commonwealth of Maine, on the 9th day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen made application to me to receive his declaration under oath and such other evidence as was in his power to produce, and to transmit the same & the the proceedings had thereon to your Honor, that he might be placed on the pension

list of the United States, agreeably to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed March 18, 1818, which declaration and the other evidence produced by the said applicant is herewith annexed. And I do further certify to your Honor that after a careful examination of the said applicant and a full consideration of the evidence in the case, it appears to me, that the said applicant did serve as a private soldier, in the war of the revolution, in the Continental establishment, against the common enemy, for the term of more than nine months as stated in his declaration aforesaid, and that from reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support. In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and have caused the seal of the said Supreme Judicial Court to be affixed this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen.

(signed) J. J. Wilde Jus. Sup. Jus. Cant. for S^d Comth

I hereby certify that the foregoing papers numbered from one to three inclusive are truly copies from the originals on file in the Pension Office War Department, and I do further certify that it appears from the records of Revolutionary service of Colonel Putnam's Regiment deposited in said Office, that John White enlisted in Capt. Whipples Company on the 1st of February 1777 for Three years, and was discharged on the 1st of February 1780, and it further appears from said records, that said White enlisted in said Regiment on the 1st of August 1780 for six months; the date of his discharge is not stated. Bay. L. Pease

October 15. 1835.

I certify that Bay. L. Pease, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State approved by the Governor on the 17th March, 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents & records, has made a full and examination in the case of John White as the Books and Papers of said Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief. Stated at the Pension Office, War Department the 15th October 1835.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions